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SUBJ: STUDENT SITUATION APRIL 19

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1. POLICE SOURCE INFORMS THAT AS OF COB ON APRIL 19 ANNIVERSARY OF 1960 STUDENT REVOLUTION POLICE HAVE NO REPORTS OF STUDENT PROTEST ACTIVITY. SOURCE SAID NINETY OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED MEMORIAL CEREMONIES AT COLLEGES AND HIGH SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE OCCURRED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2. PRESS APRIL 19 REPORTED STATEMENT BY OPPOSITION NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY ACTING CHAIRMAN KIM UI-TAEK PLEDGING TO FIGHT ON TO PREVENT STUDENT SACRIFICES IN APRIL 19 REVOLUTION FROM COMING TO NOUGHT.

3. ONLY REPORT OF STUDENT PROTEST ACTIVITY DURING PAST WEEK CONCERNED ANTI-GOVERNMENT LEAFLETS ON YONSEI CAMPUS APRIL 15 AND THREAT OF CLASS BOYCOTT AT YONSEI APRIL 16. BOYCOTT HAS NOT MATERIALIZED THUS FAR.

4. PRESS REPORTED THAT KIM TAE-CHUNG AND HIS WIFE WERE AMONG
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THOSE WHO VISITED APRIL 29 STUDENT MONUMENT IN OUTSKIRTS OF SEOUL.

OTHERS WERE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TAE WAN-SON, EDUCATION MINISTER MIN KWAN-SHIK, SEOUL MAYOR YANG TAEK-SHIK AND OPPOSITION FIGURES YUN PO-SON, YANG IL-DONG, KIM YONG-SAM AND KIM UI-TAEK.

5. COMMENT: SINCE APRIL 3, POLICE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT ACTIVITY IN EFFORT TO SUPPRESS ANY STUDENT ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROTEST AND TO SEEK OUT STUDENT ACTIVIST LEADERS. GOVERNMENT AND POLICE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO ALLOW NO ANTI-GOVERNMENT MANIFESTATIONS AFTER EMBARRASSMENT OF APRIL 9 SNU ENGINEERING COLLEGE OUTBURST.

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